



City Council

Regular Meeting

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, February 13, 2023

7:00 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on February 13, 2023 at Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Maria Perez		Present	
Tracye Whitfield	At Large City Councilor	Present	
Zaida Govan	Ward 8 City Councilor	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Present	
Lavar Click-Bruce	Ward 5 City Councilor	Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Absent	
Jesse Lederman	President	Present	

Reports of Committee

Councilor Allen - Finance

Councilor Edwards- Cannabis

Councilor Edwards - REO Committee 7:14pm

Councilor Hurst - Audit Committee

Informational

1. Order (ID # 7222)

December Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Pat Burns spoke on this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- December Revenue Vs Expenditure Report (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Malo Brown, Victor Davila

Petitions

2. Petition (ID # 7223)

Eversource- Mill St. & Locus St.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mill & Locust St. Report (PDF)
- Mill St Plan (PDF)
- Mill st. Petition (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Malo Brown, Victor Davila

3. Petition (ID # 7212)

Traffic Control Agreement St James Ave

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Springfield-MassDOT Traffic Control Agreement (PDF)
- 2-6-2023 Agenda (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Malo Brown, Victor Davila

Grants

4. Order (ID # 7220)

Health Services for the Homeless Grant - No Match Required \$2,362,888.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

HELEN CAULTON-HARRIS, DIRECTOR OF HHS, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- New Grant Setup 67723 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Malo Brown, Victor Davila

5. Order (ID # 7214)

EOHHS Youth Homelessness Grant Increase - \$240,000 - No Match

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

GERALDINE MCCAFFRETY, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, SPOKE ON THIS GRANT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- grant-35 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Victor Davila

6. Order (ID # 7213)

Byrne JAG Grant - No Match - \$149,876

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Deputy Chief Rupert Daniels spoke in support of the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- JAG Request for Grant Setup (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Victor Davila

7. Order (ID # 7221)

Expanding COVID-19 Vaccination Grant - No Match Required \$65,983.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- ECV Grant Setup (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Malo Brown, Victor Davila

8. Order (ID # 7233)

National Environmental Health Association Grant - No Match Required \$26,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TAKEN TOGETHER WITHOUT OBJECTION

ATTACHMENTS:

- NEHA Grant Setup Form (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Victor Davila

9. Order (ID # 7217)

DPW Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant - \$15,012,800

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Taken out of order

Chris Cignoli spoke on this grant

Councilor Whitfield congratulated Mr. Cignoli on the grant and asked what areas will specifically be improved, the timeline and how it will affect traffic in the neighborhoods.

Mr. Cignoli spoke on the timeline and outreach plans

Councilor Govan commended Mr. Cignoli

Councilor Walsh asked about State Street by the library. Mr. Cignoli noted that the construction and design of that project will be cared for using this grant.

Councilor Allen commended all department heads who pursue grants.

Councilor Perez went on the record to mention the repair of Riverside Road.

ATTACHMENTS:

- DPW -SS4A Grant Setup (PDF)
- DPW CAFO CERT (DOCX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Victor Davila

10. Order (ID # 7218)

FY23 S.A.F.E and Senior SAFE Grant - No Match Required - \$13,358

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TAKEN TOGETHER WITHOUT OBJECTION

ATTACHMENTS:

- Fire S.A.F.E. Approval to Apply for a Grant & Request for Grant Set Up (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Victor Davila

Orders**11. Order (ID # 7227)**

Statement of Interest - German Gerena Community School

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Vote to withdraw

Motion by Councilor Allen and Second by Councilor Govan. Unanimous vote by all Councilors present. Councilor Davila is absent.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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12. Order (ID # 7226)

Statement of Interest - Washington School

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Vote to withdraw

Motion by Councilor Allen and Second by Councilor Govan. Unanimous vote by all Councilors present. Councilor Davila is absent.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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13. Order (ID # 7225)

Statement of Interest - White Street School

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Vote to withdraw

Motion by Councilor Allen and Second by Councilor Govan

Unanimous vote by all Councilors present. Councilor Davila is absent.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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14. Order (ID # 7205)

Increase of Cost of Living Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2023

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Pat Burns spoke on this item.

Retro to July 1st increase \$715,260
Long term \$7.1 million dollars.

Councilor Whitfield asked how long would the 7.1 million be.

Mr. Burns responded that it would be 10 years. The payments would start in 2025.

Councilor Allen spoke on this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 5% COLA Local Option (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 1]
AYES:	Walsh, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
NAYS:	Michael A. Fenton
ABSENT:	Victor Davila

15. Order (ID # 7229)

Free Cash to Police Department IBPO Settlement - \$5,906,492.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TJ Plante spoke on this item.

Councilor Govan asked for the details

CAFO Plante explained that it was to pay for the contract settlement.

Councilor Whitfield asked for the total free cash numbers.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Free Cash to PD IBPO Settlement (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Victor Davila
AWAY:	Malo Brown

16. Order (ID # 7224)

FY22 Free Cash to Pension Stabilization Reserve Fund - \$15,000,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer of \$15,000,000 from FY22 Certified Free Cash to the Pension Stabilization Reserve Fund

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CAFO TJ PLANTE SPOKE ON THE TRANSFER OF FREE CASH.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Certification - Free Cash to Pension Reserve (DOCX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Victor Davila
AWAY:	Malo Brown

17. Order (ID # 7230)

Free Cash to OPEB Trust - \$6,783,412

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CAFO TJ PLANTE SPOKE ON THE TRANSFER OF FREE CASH.

COUNCILOR CURRAN ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE USE OF THE FUNDS.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED ABOUT THE APPLICATION OF INVESTMENTS TO PAY DOWN THE POB.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - OPEB Transfer \$6.7M(DOCX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Victor Davila
AWAY:	Malo Brown

18. Order (ID # 7219)

Bond Authorization - Police Vehicles - \$1,000,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Deputy Chief Daniels spoke on the item.

Councilor Walsh inquired on the vehicle supply and demand and how the purchasing works.

Deputy Chief Daniels gave insight.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Bond Order - Police Vehicles (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
ABSENT:	Victor Davila

19. Order (ID # 7232)

Thomas J. O'Connor Donations - \$16,183.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Director Swanson spoke on the item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO Donations (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [12 TO 0]

AYES: Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman

ABSENT: Victor Davila

20. Order (ID # 7231)

Bills of Prior Year - Thomas J. O'Connor - \$2960.65

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Director Swanson spoke on this item

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO CERT - TJO BOPY (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [12 TO 0]

AYES: Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman

ABSENT: Victor Davila

21. Order (ID # 7228)

Health and Human Services Donations - \$2,500.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Helen Caulton Harris spoke on the donation

ATTACHMENTS:

- ProjectBaby Donations (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [12 TO 0]

AYES: Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman

ABSENT: Victor Davila

Executive Session

Executive Session to discuss strategy with regard to threatened or pending litigation involving Civil Rights matters and the SPD. An open session is likely to be detrimental to the City's litigating position. Council to reconvene in open session.

Motion by Councilor Fenton to move into Executive Session. Second by Maria Perez.

Motion made by Councilor Edwards and seconded by Councilor Govan to dissolve Executive Session and return to open session for a vote on item #22. All councilors voted yes except for Councilor Brown and Davila who were absent.

Orders

22. Order (ID # 7234)

Free Cash to Law Department Accounts - \$1,375,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

THE COUNCIL MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION FOR A VOTE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Free Cash to Law (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [9 TO 2]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Govan, Allen, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Lederman
NAYS:	Tracye Whitfield, Justin Hurst
ABSENT:	Malo Brown, Victor Davila